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SUBJECT: VISIT OF SOUTH AFRICAN MINISTERS

- 1. SOUTH AFRICAN MISSION ORGANIZED LUNCHEON JUNE 13 IN HONOR OF VISITING MINISTER OF INFORMATION MULDER, MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE SCHOEMAN, AND MINISTER OF WATER AND FORESTRY BOTHA, WHOSE SEPARATE ITINERARIES BROUGHT THEM TO NEW YORK ON SAME DATE. ATTENDING FROM UN COMMUNITY WERE UK AMBASSADOR RICHARD, FRENCH AMBASSADOR DE GUIRINGAUD, BELGIAN AMBASSADOR LONGERSTAEY AND AMBASSADOR BENNETT FOR U.S.
- 2. CONVERSATION DURING LUNCHEON WAS FRANK AND HARD-HITTING. SOUTH AFRICA PLEADED FOR MORE TIME TO PREPARE PEOPLE OF SOUTH WEST AFRICA FOR EXERCISING SELF-DETERMINATION AND WESTERN AMBASSADORS PRESENT BORE HOME ON THEME THAT SOUTH AFRICA WAS GOING TO HAVE TO CONVINCE WORLD COMMUNITY OF ITS COMMITMENT TO GENUINE SELF-DETERMINATION FOR NAMIBIA.
- 3. ARGUMENT WAS PRESSED THAT UNITED NATIONS WAS GOING TO HAVE TO BE INVOLVED IN SOME WAY IN CONDUCT, CONFIDENTIAL

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OR OBSERVATION OF SELF-DETERMINATION PROCESS OR

RESULTS WOULD NOT BE GIVEN CREDENCE BY AFRICANS AND OTHERS OF WORLD ORGANIZATION. MINISTER BOTHA SEEMED TO HAVE PARTICULAR DIFFICULTY IN UNDERSTANDING THAT WORLD VIEW OF RACE RELATIONS AND TIME PHASING IN NAMIBIA IS DIFFERENT FROM THAT OF PRETORIA AND CAPETOWN. DE BUIRINGAUD WAS OUTSPOKEN IN WARNING SOUTH AFRICANS THAT LAST WEEKS SECURITY COUNCIL SESSION MAY HAVE BEEN LAST TIME ON WHICH SOUTH AFRICA COULD COUNT ON WESTERN VETOES TO SAVE HER POSITON. IN GENERAL NO NEW GROUND WAS BROKEN IN CONVERSATION OVER THAT COVERED IN MULDER CONVERSATIONS WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY DAVIS IN DEPARTMENT EARLIER IN WEEK.

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